

1893-054  
Lee Co.

Chancery Causes: William Wilson vs. Cynthia Wilson

Gibson, Reynolds, Ely

CA-Divorce  
T-Vices



1 said Cynthia Wilson is guilty of the crime  
2 of adultery & besides this she has abandoned  
3 your orator.

4 your orator further states that he has not  
5 cohabited <sup>with</sup> his said wife since he became  
6 aware of the fact of her infidelity to him &  
7 that such infidelity committed by her was  
8 not procured by the connivance or consent  
9 of your orator; but against his wish  
10 & earnest entreaties.

11 your orator is advised that by the laws  
12 of the land & the facts in his case that he is entitled  
13 in a court of equity to a divorce vinculo  
14 matrimonii from the said Cynthia Wilson and to  
15 obtain that end is the object of this bill.

16 The premises considered your orator prays  
17 that the said Cynthia Wilson be made defendant  
18 to this bill & be required to answer the same  
19 but not upon oath, that ~~upon a hearing of the cause~~  
20 upon a hearing of the cause a decree be  
21 entered dissolving the bonds of matrimony  
22 now existing between your orator & his  
23 said wife, & if in anywise mistaken in  
24 this his special prayer then your orator  
25 prays for all such further & general  
26 relief as may be requisite - May the  
27 usual writ of opra issue directed &c.

28 Jackson & Blankenship,  
29 for Plaintiff.  
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1 To the Hon. H. S. R. Morrison, Judge of the  
2 Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia:

3 Humbly complaining your orator  
4 William Wilson would respectfully rep-  
5 resent that on the day of  
6 1886, in Lee Co., Va, he intermarried with  
7 one Cynthia Gibson.

8 Your orator states that for four  
9 years after the said marriage the said Cynthia,  
10 his then wife, acted the part of a loving faithful  
11 wife & during this time your orator & his said  
12 wife lived happily & contented together & as your  
13 orator then thought his happiness complete & that  
14 thereafter he would have no cause ever to com-  
15 plain; but unfortunately for your orator  
16 this state of mind did not so continue for  
17 after the expiration of the time as above  
18 stated conjugal happiness ceased. The said  
19 Cynthia Wilson  
20 wife began to neglect her house, their home  
21 & her husband - She staid away from her  
22 home often days & nights at a time, mixed  
23 & mingled & associated with other men  
24 & the worst elements of society that the  
25 community afforded & thus things contin-  
26 ued for a few months when the said  
27 Cynthia Wilson unmindful of her moral  
28 obligations & in total disregard of the moral  
29 laws of God & the laws of the state regulating  
30 the conduct of the citizen took up, cohabited,  
31 associated & lived with other men. &  
32 ~~is now living with another man.~~  
Your orator therefore charges that the



C J & B.

William Wilson

vs. Bill for Divorce

Cynthia Wilson

1893 1<sup>st</sup> April Rules Bill  
filed Spa Exat D. Vici

" 2<sup>nd</sup> April Rules D. Vici  
Canfd + Contd

" 1<sup>st</sup> May Rules Contd

" 2 May Rules Cause  
Set for Hearing by J. J.

" June Term Decree  
Final 489

C 7.67

S 50

JP 1.50

LA 15.00

\$ 24.67

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William Wilson }  
as. } In Chy.  
Cynthia Wilson }

This cause having been set for hearing came on this day to be heard upon the bill of complaint & the depositions of witnesses & was argued by Counsel & it appearing to the Court that the allegations of said bill had been fully proven, it is adjudged, ordered & decreed that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between William Wilson & Cynthia Wilson be & the same are hereby dissolved & that Deft. Cynthia Wilson is hereby restrained from marrying again & This cause is stricken from the docket.



Wm. Wilson  
B. & Deere  
Cynthia Wilson

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Entered on O.T.B.

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June 8, 1893

J. A. G. Hyatt ©

Enter this decree

W. H. M.

June 8, 1898.



1 William Wilson Plff

2 vs. Deposition

3 Cynthia Wilson } Def

4 The deposition of Joseph Reynolds and  
5 others taken before me H. C. Joclyn a  
6 Justice of the Peace in and for the  
7 County of Lee and State of Virginia  
8 at the <sup>low</sup> Office of Geo W. Blankenship  
9 in the Town of Jonesville. Pursuant  
10 to notice hereto attached, said deposition  
11 are intended to be read as evidence for  
12 the Plaintiff in a certain Suite in Equity  
13 now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee  
14 County in which William <sup>Wilson</sup> is Plaintiff  
15 and Cynthia Wilson is defendant,  
16 Joseph Reynolds a witness of lawful  
17 age being duly sworn deposes as  
18 follows.

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20 1<sup>st</sup> Ques. by Plff's Atty.

21 Please state your name,  
22 age & occupation?

23 Answer. Joseph Reynolds age 33 and occupation  
24 is a Farmer.

25 Ques. Are you acquainted with Cynthia  
26 Wilson & Wm. Wilson, & how long have  
27 you known them?

28 Ans. I am acquainted with both Cynthia  
29 and William Wilson. I have known  
30 Wm. Wilson about two years - and  
31 Cynthia about one year.

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1 Ques. Do you know whether or not they  
2 once lived together as man & wife?

Ans 3 yes I know they did once live together  
4 as man & wife,  
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6 Ques. During the time of their marriage,  
7 do you know of Cynthia Wilson being  
8 guilty of Adultery, & if so, state all  
9 the circumstances?

Answer 10 I do know of my own personal know-  
11 ledge that she has been guilty of  
12 adultery with as many as three  
13 different men and at various times,  
14 during the fall of 1892. She stayed  
15 two nights in an old unoccupied  
16 house, with J. C. Wynn and William  
17 Good and another man,

18 And further this deponent saith not  
19 witness claims 1 day Joseph <sup>his</sup> Reynolds  
20 50 cts

21 The further taking of depositions in this  
22 Cause is hereby adjourned until Friday  
23 May the 26<sup>th</sup> 1893. at the law office  
24 of L. W. Blankenship in Jonesville Va.  
25 This May 20<sup>th</sup> 1893. H. C. Goolsby J. P.  
26 May 26<sup>th</sup> 1893.

27 The taking of depositions in the  
28 above Cause is resumed as per  
29 adjournment.

30 J. W. M. Ely a witness of lawful  
31 age being duly sworn deposes  
32 as follows.



1 Ques. Please state your name, age  
2 + occupation?

Ans 3 J. W. M. Ely age 24 and a Farmer.

6 Ques. Are you acquainted with Cynthia  
7 Wilson + Wm. Wilson + how long have  
8 you known them?

Ans 9 I am acquainted with Cynthia and  
10 William Wilson, have known them  
11 four or five years.

13 Ques. Do you know whether or not they  
14 once lived together as man + wife?

Ans 15 I do know that they lived together  
16 as man + wife, a year or two,

18 Ques. During the time of their marriage  
19 do you know of Cynthia Wilson being  
20 guilty of Adultery + if so, state the  
21 Circumstances?

Ans 22 I don't know certain of any act of  
23 adultery, but I have seen her with men  
24 and have heard her use indecent  
25 language. She has at various times  
26 promised to accommodate me, and  
27 made plans to meet me out - but I never  
28 liked her style well enough to meet her

30 Ques. Do you know of her whereabouts  
31 for the past year, where she has been  
32 living + with whom?



Ans<sup>1</sup> For the last Ten or Twelve months she  
has been living with one L. S. Ward in Lee  
County he having left his wife and taken  
up with Cynthia Wilson. I have seen  
them together and heard both Cynthia Wilson  
and L. S. Ward say that they were living  
together.

And further this deponent soith not.

Witness claims  
1 day 50 cts.

J. W. M. Ely

Virginia Lee County To-wit:

I Henry C. Foslyn a Justice of the Peace  
for the County of Lee State of Virginia,  
do Certify that the foregoing depositions  
of Joseph Reynolds and J. W. M. Ely  
were duly taken sworn to and subscribed  
before me, at the times and places  
mentioned in the Caption of the same,  
Given under my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day  
of May 1893.

H. C. Foslyn J. P.

William Wilson  
no. 3 depositions

Cynthia Wilson

depositions of  
Joseph Reynolds &  
J. W. M. Ely

Freed. May 26<sup>th</sup> 1893

J. R. Gibson D. C.

Geo. A. H. Hyatt D. C.

J. P. Lee #157



To Cynthia Wilson,

TAKE NOTICE, That I on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 1893, at the Law office of Geo. M. Blount  
in the Town of Jonesville, Va., between the hours  
of 6 A. M. & 6 P. M., of that day,  
will proceed to take the deposition of Joseph Runnels & others

which, when taken, I intended to be read as evidence on my behalf in a certain suit in equity  
now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee County, State of Virginia, in which  
I, William Wilson, is plaintiff and  
you, Cynthia Wilson are defendant.

And if from any cause the same be not commenced, or if commenced, be not concluded on that day, the  
taking thereof will be adjourned from time to time, and from place to place, until completed.

May 1, 1893.

Very Respectfully,

Wm Wilson  
By Counsel.



William Wilson  
vs { notice, &c.

Cynthia Wilson

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Executed by  
Delivering a true  
copy of the  
within Summ  
to Cynthia

Wilson. this  
May the 8<sup>th</sup> 1893

L. M. Wade D. S.

for C. E. Gilman  
S. L. C.



# The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To The Sheriff of Lee County Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON.....

*Leopoldina Wilson*

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the Court House, on the first Monday in .....

*April*.....next, being rule day to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court against

.....her.....by.....

*William Wilson*

And have then and there this writ. Witness, J. A. G. Hyatt, Clerk of said Court at the Courthouse.

This.....*24<sup>th</sup>*.....day of.....*February*.....18*93*.....in the 11*7* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. A. G. Hyatt*.....Clerk.

A Copy Teste.....Clerk.



J. T. B.

William Wilson

3 Pa in  
vs 3 Chey

Cynthia Wilson

Do 1<sup>st</sup> April Rules 1873

Executed by  
Delivering a true  
copy of the  
within sums to  
Cynthia Wilson  
Mch 16<sup>th</sup> 1873 at  
10 O'clock A. M.  
L. M. Wade D. S.  
for C. E. Felanary  
S. L. Co.